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September 27, 1917.

Mr. President:-

I consider it my duty to advise you that there is a likelihood of securing a successor for my position, from every point of view satisfactory.

I learn on my return, that Mr. H. R. McMillan, who, not quite a year ago, left the British Columbia Forest Service, to accept a lucrative employment with a private concern, has resigned this position. I am told that he has made a bid for the directorship of the to-be B. C. Forest School, if satisfactory budgets can be guaranteed. At the same time, I have seen in the papers the statement that the organization of this school will be postponed for financial reasons.

Mr. McMillan is a Canadian, has wide experience, through his connection with the Dominion Forest Branch, and as Dominion Trade Commissioner, traveling around the world. He has been most successful in organizing the B.C. Forest Service. He is young and energetic, has a good personality, enthusiasm, broad views, judgment, and, I take it, has sufficient technical knowledge. I consider him the most eligible Canadian for the place.

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Mr. McMillan could however, not be had at a low salary and would probably be unwilling to work with as niggardly appropriations as I have been willing to work. Incidentally I may add that the best forest schools in the States dispose of $20 to $30 thousand budgets.

I believe to secure Mr. McMillan's services, it will be necessary to act very promptly.

If you desire, I may give further details.

Sincerely yours,

B. E. Fernow

On the retirement of Dr. Bernhard E. Fernow, the Board of Governors desire to express to him their thanks for the admirable service he has rendered the University during the last twelve years. Dr. Fernow was the first Dean and the creator of the Faculty of Forestry. Bringing thorough scientific training and a wide practical and academic experience Dr. Fernow established the faculty on a sound foundation upon which his successors can confidently build. One of the leading authorities in Forestry on this continent he was accepted by his colleagues and his students as an ornament to the University, and to the end of his active career when advancing years and ill-health compelled him to ask relief from his academic duties he carried with him the respect of those who were associated with him. It is only right that special mention should be made of the very valuable service that Mrs. Fernow rendered to the students of the Faculty by teaching a class without remuneration throughout all these years. Along with her husband she will long be remembered with gratitude by the graduates of this recently established Faculty.

Sept. 25th, 1919.

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April 9th, 1920

Dr. H. B. Fernow,
16 Admiral Road,
Toronto.

Dear Dr. Fernow:

The President has received a request for certain information regarding residence and citizenship of each person to whom retiring allowances are paid by the Carnegie Foundation.

Will you be good enough to let him have the following facts:

1. Citizen of what country ?
2. Residence December 31, 1919.
3. If residing in New York at any time between January 1, 1919 and March 15, 1920, place (address) and dates of such residence.

Yours sincerely,

President's Secretary.

April 19th, 1920

Dr. B. E. Fernow,
16 Admiral Road,
Toronto.

Dear Dr. Fernow:

I have pleasure in informing you that at a meeting of the Senate held last night it was unanimously agreed to offer you the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in recognition of the eminent service you rendered this University during the twelve years in which you occupied the post of Dean of the Faculty of Forestry.

The Convocation at which the honorary degrees will be conferred will take place on Thursday evening, June 3rd, at eight o'clock, when I hope you will find it possible to be present as the degree is not conferred in absence.

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 30th, 1920

Dr. H. H. Fernow,
16 Admiral Road,
Toronto.

Dear Dr. Fernow:

I am very glad to know that you are to be with us for the Convocation on June 3rd at which the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws is to be conferred upon you. Will you be kind enough to provide yourself with cap and gown ? The University, however, will supply the hood proper to the degree which will be given to you.

The degree will be conferred on the evening of Thursday, June 3rd.

Yours sincerely,

President.